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— NOT ONLY BY FAITH ALONE - BY CONSCIOUS EFFORT TOO! —

WE HAVE no quarrel with any creed or religious denomination as they exist today. Whatever their name & form, once they all have sprung from the one cosmic wisdom-religion which has again & again been brought and proclaimed to man in his successive civilizations. And he who feels happy within the Precincts of his Creed should stay there, fulfilling his Saviour's expectations until his personal karma leads him along toward further experience. Yet it is good to muse sometimes on how one or the other teaching looks when held afresh against the background of its cosmic origin.

In Protestantism we have that famous emphasis on one of St Paul's injunctions that salvation is assured only on the basis of personal faith. The implication is that your works, your own inner & outer labours, your efforts have no or only a small part in the saving of your soul. When Martin Luther took his stand on the word in Romans, we must not forget that he was led to it out of the decadent religious atmosphere of his time. The Catholic dogma of good works & deeds you should do to lay up a treasure in heaven is essentially quite in accord with similar teachings in the oldest religions we have on earth. At Luther's time however, this teaching had been corrupted to a degree where there was little knowledge left of what kind of treasure the good deed would contain, to a degree where you could buy in hard coin the remission of your sins, i.e. your bad deeds. In such spiritual surroundings a directly opposite teaching would have an incredible effect. Luther found his light in St Paul & in Romans the strength of his conviction; the effect was that millions to this day find their strength on the same ground.

Times have changed and permit a detached consideration of the above context. Then one finds that in the whole New Testament there are more injunctions & demands, by implication, to work yourself, to do yourself something for your soul's progress than acquiescences to hand over its salvation to mere faith. The deeds we do every day, whether good or bad, form our character. On laying down our outer garments at the hour of death we can take nothing else along than the traits of character our inner man has been forming in the past life. If these traits are good ones (= A TREASURE in Heaven) we'll have all the benefit, & a true progress toward ultimate salvation, in the next span's class. Thus, doing does it, too.

## MEAT EATING AND ALL THAT!

In his letter today GA says, the space brothers have never denounced to him smoking, drinking, meat eating etc. (if not overdone) while "any unbalanced condition or act brings about its own inharmonious state".

We don't want to be disrespectful toward anyone but our strong conviction is that mankind already IS in an "unbalanced and inharmonious state"! One of the causal factors has PRECISELY BEEN MAN'S INDULGENCE (and not only his overdoing it) in those questionable delectations!! All of humanity's suffering is man-made, is man's "falling", namely away from Natural Law, and no matter how much individuals disagree on what still be 'permissible' or else an 'overdoing' of things - all their errors, small or big, make up the sum total of our planet's sorrow.

Man is, if by nothing else, a fruit eater by the anatomy of his teeth & intestines. Nicotine, alcohol & many another thing besides animal albumins & fats are poison to his system! Moreover, just think: being made in God's image, how would you fancy Him sitting there with cigarette in hand and a pot of beer?

The Brothers having refrained from "denouncing", know as well as we do that this mankind cannot discard meat eating over night. Which does NOT mean we should go on with it indefinitely.

Dr. T. Lobsang Rampa:

## "THE TRUTH OF THE RAMPA STORY"

An Extract from the Forthcoming Book

WE ARE grateful to the author to have allowed us this little glance into his workshop where his third book takes shape.

### An Experience

The jagged peaks of the hard Himalayas cut deeply into the vivid purple of the Tibetan skies. At first glance, the desolate, frozen countryside was devoid of life, seemingly nothing could live in the bleak, mountainous wastes. Only when one knew, when one had been shown time after time, could one see the faint traces that humans lived here. Familiarity alone would guide one's footsteps in this forbidding place. Then only would one see the shadow-enshrouded entrance to a deep & gloomy cave, a cave which was but the vestibule to tunnels and chambers honeycombing this austere mountain range.

For long months past, the most trusted of lamas, acting as manial carriers, had trudged the hundreds of miles from Lhasa carrying the ancient Secrets to where they would be safe from the vandal Chinese. Here too, with infinite toil & suffering, had been brought the Golden Figures of past Incarnations. Sacred Objects, age-old writings, & the most venerable & learned of priests were here in safety. No aircraft carrying a war load would fly this high, no enemy troops could live off this arid

land, land devoid of soil, rocky and treacherous with shifting boulders and yawning crevices. Here, at last, was PEACE. Peace in which to work to safeguard the future.

Millions of years ago this had been a flame-spewing range of volcanoes erupting rocks and lava over the face of the young Earth. In course of time the flames had died down & the semi molten rocks had cooled. But the endless channels & tunnels from whence the flames had reached the open air had remained. Century after century they had remained bare of life, known only to astral-travelling monks who could see all. Now, with Terror stalking the land of Tibet these corridors of old were peopled with the elite of an ancient land. With the first onslaught of the Communists a Plan had come into being. Carefully chosen monks had wended their way north to prepare a home within the living rock, a home which at last was completed.

A New Order had been founded, the School of the Preservation of Knowledge, and the Abbot in charge, a wise old monk of more than a 120 years, had, with ineffable suffering journeyed to

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the new home. With him travelled the wisest in the land, the Telepathic Lamas, the Clairvoyants and the Sages of Great Memory. Slowly, over many months, they wended their way higher & higher up the mountain ranges. Sometimes a mile a day was all their aged bodies could travel. For almost a week the ancient Abbot was compelled to remain in a closed yakhide tent strewn with oxygen-giving herbs to ease his labouring lungs. Then with superhuman fortitude, he continued his journey.

At last they reached their destination & gradually became accustomed to their changed life. The Scribes carefully penned the Knowledge of Past Ages. The Clairvoyants looked into the future, predicting, as in the past they had so successfully predicted the invasion of Tibet, & of other countries. These men, of the utmost purity, were in tune with the Cosmos, with the Akashic Record, that Record which tells all of the past, and of the immediate present everywhere, & all the probabilities for the future. The Telepaths too were busy, keeping in touch telepathically with those of their own Order. Keeping in touch with me.

"Lobsang! LOBSANG!" The thought dinned into my head bringing me back from my reverie. Quickly I relaxed, sitting in the lotus position, making myself at ease. With my mind receptive to telepathic messages, I waited. "Lobsang, you have suffered much. You have done well. But there is more." There was a pause, and I waited, sick at heart and apprehensive, for I had had more than enough of misery and suffering during the past years. As I waited I caught fleeting thoughts from others nearby: "Oh this bus service, it's the worst in the world, will it NEVER come?" And from a man: "Wonder if I dare ask the boss for a rise, or will he fire me? Which is worst to anger, the boss or Millie?" Just as I was idly wondering who 'Millie' was - as a person waiting at the telephone allows his thoughts to wander - the insistent thought came to me again. "Lobsang! Our plans have been somewhat altered by Approach - November, 1959

world events. The hour has come for you to write again. This book will be a vital task. You must write stressing one theme, that you have taken over the body of another." I started in dismay & almost broke the telepathic link. I was a "controversial figure" & hated every moment as such. I knew that I was ALL that I claimed to be, but how would it help to rake up a story from the sensational Press's silly season? That was beyond me.

"Lobsang!" The telepathic voice was charged with considerable averbity now. "We are in a better position to judge than you; you are enmeshed in the toils of the West, we can stand aside & evaluate." Humbly I remained silent, awaiting a continuation of the message. After some interval, it came. "You have suffered much, unjustly, & you are ill indeed, thus your judgement on the result of your book is warped." As I listened I reached for my crystal. Quickly the glass clouded, and as quickly cleared like the drawing aside of a milk-white curtain. I saw as I heard. I saw an aged patriarch, a very ancient figure indeed, sitting on a folded rug of yak wool. Although a high abbot, he was clad simply in a tattered robe which seemed almost as ancient as he. Around him, in a circle, sat seven high lamas, with their fingers entwined, & their heads all pointing at me. In my crystal it was as if I were in the same volcanic chamber with them; we conversed as though almost in physical contact. "You have aged greatly, my Brother", said one. "Your books have brought joy and light to many", said another. "Iron ore in the furnace thinks itself senselessly tortured, but as the tempered blade looks back it knows better", said a third. "We are wasting time and energy," said the aged patriarch. "His heart is ill within him and we must not overtax his health." Again there was a silence, a healing silence, during which time I felt energy flowing within me, energy which I so often lacked since my second attack of coronary thrombosis.

"My Brother", said the Aged Man, which was an honour indeed although I too was a full Abbot in my own right. "We must bring to the knowledge of many the truth that one ego can depart his body voluntarily & another ego can take over. This is your task to impart this knowledge." This was a jolt indeed, I had never wanted to make any publicity about such occult matters, believing that most people would be better for not knowing these things. My introspection was interrupted by the Abbot: "As you well know, we are approaching a new Age, an Age wherein Man shall be purified of his dross & shall live at peace. The population shall be stable and thus without warlike intent. We would have people know how a body may be discarded like an old robe for which the wearer has no further use, and passed on to another who needs such attire. No longer shall there be suicides, when a person who desires to end his life knows that he can vacate his body like shedding his garments at the end of the day & go his way in peace knowing that another will live out his body's allotted span upon Earth. But such a time is not yet; we must await the New Age and no one must now abandon his body until his time has come."

I looked at the men before me watching the play from their auras of golden light, watching the blending of their 'silver

cords'. "All right for them", I mumbled to myself, "they don't have to live in the rough-and-tumble of Western life."

"My Brother", said the Old Man, "WE live through the 'rough-and-tumble' of an invaded land, wherein all our food has to be carried on foot through more than a 100 miles of mountain path. WE live on a bowl of tsampa which suffices each of us for a day. For drink we have the waters of a mountain stream. Tea is a luxury which could cost men's lives on the mountain road." - "Yes", I thought, "what

are my hardships compared to theirs? I have ill health & the worries of civilization but at least there is enough to eat & drink. I will write as they want in spite of even more hardships," I decided.

Outside my window a train shunted noisily, a juddering CRASH which shook the house. The insane shrieking of a fire engine siren added to the clamour, and gradually the picture faded from the crystal. "Tonight", I thought, "I will again look and will tell them that I agree."

October Letter from George Adamski:

#### SPACE FLIGHT, "MESSAGES" AND UNIFYING THE PEOPLE OF EARTH

"SINCE THE Russians have landed a rocket on the moon we have received many inquiries as to WHY they were permitted to do so! If those of you who have heard me lecturing during the past year....will listen again.. to the tapes, you will note that when the question was brought up I replied that so long as the intention of the world's people was to learn, we would be permitted - regardless of nationality or creed - to land on any body out there, not alone the moon. That has happened.

Why should we be pointing a finger at one nation when the WORLD is in consideration? What difference does it make which nation gets there first so long as that nation shares the knowledge

learned with the rest of the world thereby focussing the attention of the people of the world on outer space?... As you know, the space people have not preferred any one spot of this world. They have shown themselves over every nation. If we are going to profit from their appearances & become as they are, we must do as they do. Our major trouble is not that we do not recognize man for man, but the Segregating of Men by labels, national or otherwise, makes strangers within one Family (the Creator's Family) instead of all living as brothers and sisters. This is one lesson that the space people have tried to impress upon us! True, should we attempt to go out there with war-heads

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for the purpose of disturbing peace, they would not permit us to succeed. But so long as we go with the purpose of learning, they will help rather than stop us. The recent successes of the Russians prove one thing beyond a shadow of any doubt: that the people who claimed psychic (or telepathic as some call them) contacts have been false. For had their 'messages' come from a true source the Russian satellite would not be on the moon today. Each time something takes place toward enabling us to get farther out into space it seems to prove the Brothers' purpose & discredit prophecies coming from psychic sources.

Let us take up some such claims. While in London, I talked with George Kind...in Desmond Leslie's flat....with a tape recorded conversation. Mr. King denied that his 'contacts' had anything to do with mediumism or the psychic. Yet not long ago he attended a convention in Los Angeles where - it was reported - he held trance meetings during which he received 'instructions' from the 'space people'... Again, we have received 'messages' from around the world purportedly from space people denouncing smoking, drinking, meat eating etc. In excess I admit that all of these can be harmful to the body but so can drinking too much water or excessive dieting. Any unbalanced condition or act brings about its own inharmonious state. The space brothers have never denounced any of the above to me, if not overdone. But we can go one step farther & say that even our human emotions can be harmful & can kill when allowed to rise out of control.- Reports have come to us that the space visitors support one or another of earth's religions above all others. This is not true! They recognize the good in each religion but as with everything, in our world and theirs, they find none perfect because the law of the Cosmos is eternal growth and progression.

Michailek, in Chile, I am told, is selling visas to sincere people promising them passages to Venus. Interplanetary travellers have no such things! He also claims to have been appointed su-  
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preme dictator for the world by the space travellers who, he says, are going to land en masse & take over the rule of our world. (See also Vol I No 11, p 66). I have never been told anything of this kind. It is totally against all of their way of life. They have no ruler on their planets, why should they want to appoint one over ours? If M.'s 'contacts' were real & they had such plans they would not be one bit better than we are today. Such an act would only mean a change of dictators over Earth's people. Our neighbours on other planets have learned a happier way of living & hope that we will learn too. Yet they know that such cannot be forced upon anyone. Through the years they have done their best to help us in many ways only to be ignored by those who could help; they have been shot at by planes of some governments. Ashtar is the source of M.'s information & we have yet to hear of an Ashtar 'promise' being fulfilled, although 'his' 'messages' do inflate the personal ego of 'his' receivers... It is hoaxes like these....that bring discredit upon an event that is most beautiful & could be of greater help to Earth's humanity than anything else in our present time.

We have received reports of a 'steel band' of space ships circling the earth to protect us. This is not true either. Since all of their attempts so far have met with such little success, they are withdrawing many of their ships which have previously been moving through our atmosphere. Instead they are devoting their efforts to helping us learn how to travel space ourselves in the hope that when our own people land on the moon & their planets, see for themselves people & conditions there & return to earth with reports of their findings, they will be believed. They hope in this way we will grow toward greater respect for one another than is present today. They hope too that with travelling space & other world-experiences we will be able to overcome our mistrust of one another, eliminate our divisions & become united into the one family the

Creator intended His children to be in this world and throughout the Cosmos...

When anything like recent events takes place I get bombarded with questions as to WHY. In 'Inside the Space Ships' I reported what I saw in outer space. Our satellites have proven my report correct. Later I reported that our equipment was unable to detect atmosphere around other planets because of their ionospheres. Our own satellites gave the same report regarding the earth - that there is NO OXYGEN HERE and therefore no life on our planet... The Russians wanted to get a little more information regarding conditions on the moon before sending people there. They plan to send one or more ships with scientists & mechanics of both sexes to build a base from which their ships can be returned to earth, thereby establishing a regular space lane for interplanetary travel. It has been reported that the ships for this purpose are already under construction. I can tell you that when they arrive there they will be greeted as friends by those already THERE & helped in many ways. It would be the same for anybody who landed on the moon, or any other planet. But again let me remind you that such attempts must at all times be for learning & never for war & destruction. The space travellers bar no one from going into outer space so long as their intentions are for LEARNING. The Russians are as much God's people as we are and God favours none any more than the sun which shines on all alike. Neither do the space people! They will work with all who will work with them! Would you work with a man who every time you appeared before him started shooting at you - as has been done in many parts of the world when space craft appeared? Or would you work with those who welcomed you and tried to work with you?

I am not saying that the Russians have not shot at them at one time or another. That I do not know. But one thing I do know, space craft have

been appearing over that country, & landing, the same as they have over the rest of the world. And I am inclined to believe from their successes so far that the Russians must have been given the know-how through cooperation with the interplanetary travellers more than some of the rest of us, especially since Khrushchev stated that they were using a propulsion so far unknown to the rest of the world. During my world trip I was told by more than one scientist whom I met that they cannot take credit to themselves for recent developments - but that they have been "helped". Thus, since one group of scientists has been helped, there is no question in my mind but that others have also been "helped".

No information of this kind has ever been given to the people by the psychics, or through mediumistic channels. Yet already much of it has been proven (by subsequent events). Thus any thinking person can see why those who give true facts, have been so bitterly fought by the opposition - while (on the other hand) those whose "messages" only serve to confuse the people are given full freedom and much publicity! For ignorantly or otherwise, they are in reality WORKING FOR THE OPPOSITION whose power lies in keeping the people in ignorance. Even when such claimants work to establish new cults, they are further dividing the people and in this way too are working for the opposition. This is why, while I find no fault with the people themselves, I cannot and never will support their efforts as long as they continue in the way in which they are working today.

So long as I continue meeting and working with the space visitors my only interest, as is theirs, will be in unifying the people of the world in relationship to the universe of which we are all a part."

We can only agree with GA and are glad that he put his last point as strongly as he did.